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RemarksA. Period For Reply

A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the Office Action of April 28, 2005. April 28, 2005 plus three months is July 28, 2005. July 28, 2005 plus three months is October 28, 2005. This paper is being filed on or before October 28, 2005 with a petition for an extension of time of three months.

B. Status

The Office Action was nonfinal.

C. Disposition Of Claims

Claims 38-45 are pending.

D. Application Papers

Approval of the drawings at the appropriate time would be appreciated. (Formal drawings have been filed in this case.)

E. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

This case does not claim foreign priority.

As to domestic priority, applicant claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application 08/794,429 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/011,265 filed February 7, 1996.

F. Basis for amendment of claims and addition of new claims (if any)

Claim 39 has been amended to correct its dependency. No new claims have been added.

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G. The Office Action

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Anthony. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, claims 29-31 have been canceled.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anthony in view of Pinckney, Jr. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, claim 35 has been canceled.

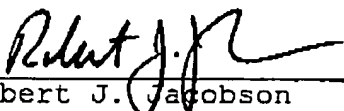
On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anthony. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, claim 36 has been canceled.

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 38-45 were allowed. This is very much appreciated.

H. Summary

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully invited to make contact with the undersigned by telephone if such would advance prosecution of this case.

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